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Public Service

Reservation of the post of Land Revenue Secretary, Board of Revenue, to European Civilians.

* 719 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any rule that only European Civilians should be appointed as Land Revenue Secretary to the Revenue Board?

A.—No.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask whether there has been any Indian occupying this post and, if so, how often?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"This post has been occupied by an Indian; I cannot say how often."

Forests

Facilities for the supply of green manure leaves to the ryots in the Kurnool district.

* 720 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what facilities are the Government giving to ryots living near the forest area for obtaining manure leaves for the cultivation of paddy in the district of Kurnool; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Forest department are charging at the rate of Rs. 2 per cartload of manure leaves and what the total number of cartloads obtained by the ryots in the Cumbum area from 1927 to 1933 is?

A.—(*a*) Removal of manure leaf is allowed on permits sold by Range Officers and Foresters at headquarters and camps. Contractors working timber and fuel coupes are obliged to supply manure leaf at a specified rate.

(*b*) Yes.

Quantities supplied by Reserved Forests serving irrigated land around Cumbum town were:—

Year.		Cart-loads.	Year.		Cart-loads.
1927	..	41	1931	..	16
1928	..	24	1932	..	1
1929	..	Nil.	1933	..	Nil.
1930	..	Nil.			

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Excise

Protest by the Madras Provincial Depressed Classes Federation against the proposal to reopen Velliyur toddy shop, Chingleput district.

721 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to lay on the Table of the House the report called for in answer to question No. 342 of 4th November 1933?

A.—The report[a] of the Collector of Chingleput is attached.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 476-477 infra.

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Irrigation

Proposals of the Tank Restoration Scheme party with reference to the irrigation works in the Tinnevelly Minor Basin.

722 *Q.*—Mr. DANIEL THOMAS: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tank Restoration Scheme party has investigated and framed proposals in respect of the following three irrigation works in the Tinnevelly Minor Basin, viz., (i) Vilathikulam tank and channel in the Vilathikulam group, (ii) Pulikurichikulam and Nambi Reddikal—First reach and (iii) Nambireddikal—Second reach;

(*b*) whether any and, if so, what action has been taken on the Tank Restoration Scheme proposals; and

(*c*) what the final orders passed on the proposals are with the reasons for the same?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) A report has been called for.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920, AND THE MADRAS ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT, 1920, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 2 OF 1934).

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The consideration of the Bill will now continue."

Clause 30.

Section 68.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Sir, I do not move for the restoration of sub-clause (*i*).[a] We discussed the question yesterday at length."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member cannot move it as a matter of fact. He will move his first amendment to sub-clause (ii)."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Sir, I move—

' Omit *the sub-clause* (*ii*) *in the Bill as amended by the Select Committee.*'

Sir, the object of my amendment is this: Now that two bifurcated district boards are going to have one health officer, as is contemplated by the Bill, his removal can be effected only if each board passes a motion to that effect by a two-thirds majority. No doubt the Government might like to have some security of tenure for their officers and I do not deny it. I also recognize the fact that although the existing boards have this power, not one single board has so far exercised it. Even then I would request the Government not to amend the existing rule. If we

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[a] *Clause* 30 (*i*).

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—
20 *Restore* the sub-clause (i) as proposed in the original Bill.